

**REMARKS**

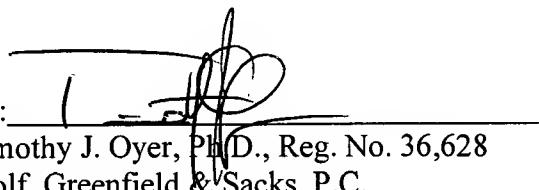
Claims 1-208 were previously pending in this application. Claims 16, 27, 28, 35, 36, 76, 77, 113, 119, 125, 131, 137, 143, 154, 156-158, 160, 162, 170, 171, 181-183, 199, and 201 have been amended. New claims 209-224 have been added. As a result, claims 1-224 are pending for examination with claims 1, 4, 10, 31, 41, 47, 48, 63, 68, 86, 88, 107-109, 113, 119, 125, 131, 137, 143, 149, 150, 151, 158, 175, 185, 187, 188, 209, 212, 215, 218-221 and 224 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

**CONCLUSION**

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,  
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